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Office Action Summary

Application No.

10/657,781

Applicant(s)

LAI ET AL.

Examiner

DAVID J. ISABELLA

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --**Period for Reply**

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 24 May 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-47 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 1-12, 25, 27, 28 and 31-47 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 13-24, 26, 29, 30 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

Request for Continued Examination

The request filed on 5/24/2006 for a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 based on Application No. 10657781 is acceptable and a RCE has been established. An action on the RCE follows.

Status of the Claims

Claims 1-47 are pending. Claims 1-12, 25, 27, 28, and 31-47 are withdrawn pursuant to an earlier election in response to Restriction Requirement. Claims 13- 24, 26, 29, and 30 remain in the current prosecution. The only amendment to the claim was language added to independent claim 13.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 13-24,26,29 and 30 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Sheets Jr. et al (6187042).

Sheets, Jr. et al discloses a process for producing a device capable of absorbing blue light exposing an already shaped medical device having first free reactive groups to a solution containing one or more reactive blue light-absorbing dyes having second reactive groups and one or more catalysts to produce the shaped medical device having

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blue light absorbing property wherein said first reactive group reacts with said second reactive groups.

Contrary to applicant's arguments, the claims as broadly worded fails to distinguish over the same as disclosed by Sheets, Jr. et al.

In response to applicant's argument that the references fail to show certain features of applicant's invention, it is noted that the features upon which applicant relies (i.e., the reactive groups are located on the dye material) are not recited in the rejected claim(s). Although the claims are interpreted in light of the specification, limitations from the specification are not read into the claims. See *In re Van Geuns*, 988 F.2d 1181, 26 USPQ2d 1057.

material is applied to the IOL. See column 6, lines 4-14. Alternatively, a cross-linking agent is used to attach this combined material to the IOL. See column 6, lines 28-34. Thus, Sheet does not disclose explicitly or inherently that reactive groups of the dye material are reacted with the reactive groups of the medical device, as is recited in claims 13-24, 26, 29, and 30.

Contrary to applicant's arguments the claim requires the step of ***exposing the device with free reactive groups to a solution containing one or more reactive dyes and one or more catalysts*** does not require the second reactive group be the dye itself but may include reactive groups of the solution per se. It should be noted that the passage referenced by applicant, specifically column 5, lines 4-14 and column 6, lines 28-34 provide the method steps consistent with examiner's application of Sheets, Jr. et al. Accordingly, the rejection to the claims stand.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments filed 5/24/2006 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. See examiner's arguments in the body of the rejection.

Conclusion

THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL. Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).


A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to DAVID J. ISABELLA whose telephone number is 571-272-4749. The examiner can normally be reached on MONDAY-FRIDAY.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, CORRINE MCDERMOTT can be reached on 571-272-4754. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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